# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:464
ANSWERED ON:19.07.2017
Frequency of Trains
Birla Shri Om

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Railways has conducted any surveys recently to determine the traffic at all the sub-urban stations and to upgrade the infrastructure to accommodate the augmented coaches and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is a huge demand from the passengers, particularly women passengers for increasing the frequency of sub-urban trains to avoid difficulty in boarding and deboarding;

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken in this regard;

(d) whether many a time timings of trains are not feasible to passengers; and

(e) if so, whether the Railways plan to conduct periodic surveys and studies so as to ascertain passengers' convenience and if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) : Zonal Railways running suburban services conduct periodical surveys to assess the traffic and infrastructure requirement. As per information available a survey was conducted by Southern Railway from 01.08.2016 to 13.08.2016.

(b) & (c): In general there is a demand for additional services and for comfortable accommodation of commuters including those for ladies. Some of the steps taken by Zonal Railways to improve sub-urban services are as under:-

â€¢ Central Railway − In the year 2015-16, 42 additional services were introduced. In 2016-17, the augmentation of 590 suburban services from 9- car to 12 −car rakes, has eased difficulties of women passengers.
â€¢ Western Railway − (i) 273 seats are earmarked for ladies out of the total sitting capacity of 1174 seats i.e 23.25% in each Mumbai Suburban trains, (ii) 08 Ladies Special trains are run in Mumbai Suburban Section on Western Railway to facilitate ladies passengers.
â€¢ Southern Railway − (i) three pairs of ladies specials are run in Chennai in three different sectors.

(d) & (e): Indian Railways introduces train services keeping in view the operational feasibility, competing demands, resource availability etc. as such timings of trains are decided on the basis of operational feasibility, availability of path, traffic demands etc. However, suburban services are of high frequency, especially during the peak commuter timings.
Time tables are revised annually and mid-term as well, as per requirement. At the time of finalization of time table, demands of different passenger associations are taken into consideration.

******